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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 42 were originally filed. Claims 28 through 42 are pending in the application upon entry of the above amended claim set. Claims 1 through 27, have been cancelled and claims 31 and 35 have been withdrawn from consideration as claims 31 and 35 are directed to non-elected species.

A Restriction Requirement issued on May 31, 2007 requiring a restriction between the following Groups:

Group I: Claims 1 through 27; and
Group II: Claims 28 through 42.

Applicants, via their undersigned attorney, hereby elect, without traverse, Group II (*i.e.*, claims 28 through 42).

In light of the above, non-elected claims 1 through 27 have been cancelled in the attached amended claim set. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional cases directed to claims 1 through 17, at an appropriate later date.

Additionally, a further election of one of the following species needs to be made per the Restriction Requirement issued on May 31, 2007:

Species (i): Washing Machine (claim 30); and
Species (j): Dishwasher (claim 31).

Applicants, via their undersigned attorney, hereby elect, without traverse, Species (i) (*i.e.*, claim 30). However, since one or more generic claims exist (claims 28-29 and 32-42), claim 31 has only been withdrawn from consideration in the above amended claim set. Should one or more generic claims be found to be allowable, then claim 31 should also be held allowable as there is a reasonable number of original species in the application as filed.

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Furthermore, another election of one of the following species needs to be made per the Restriction Requirement issued on May 31, 2007:

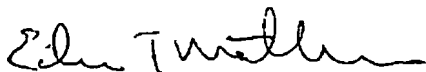
Species (k): Oxidizing Agent in Wash Zone (claim 34); and
Species (l): Oxidizing Agent in Sump (claim 35).

Applicants, via their undersigned attorney, hereby elect, without traverse, Species (k) (*i.e.*, claim 34). However, since one or more generic claims exist (claims 28 through 30, 32, 33 and 36 through 42), claim 35 has only been withdrawn from consideration in the above amended claim set. Should one or more generic claims be found to be allowable, then claim 35 should also be held allowable as there is a reasonable number of original species in the application as filed.

If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. If there are any other fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0959, referencing our Docket No. 094342.0049.

Respectfully submitted,
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